

## HE WANTED TO JUMP

J. W. Thompkins Found on the Bridge Last Night.

## RESCUED BY OFFICER EVANS

He Said He Wanted to Die and Was Taken into Custody for Safe Keeping.

Last night about 9:30 Miss Ruff of No. 211 Cass street ran hurriedly to Patrolman Evans at the corner of Canal and Bridge streets and excitedly informed him that a man was trying to jump from Bridge street bridge into the river. The officer hustled to the scene and found an old man about midway of the north foot path wandering about and peering over the railing into the river. The man proved to be J. W. Thompkins formerly a well known lawyer and pioneer resident of this city. The officer learned from by standers that Thompkins a short time before had been found sitting on the railing with his feet dangling over the outside and that he was taken down. A few minutes later he acted so strangely that the officer was called. He acknowledged to the officer that he contemplated jumping into the river to end his life, and was sorry that he did not carry out his intentions. He was taken to police headquarters for safe keeping, where he informed the officers that he with his wife was stopping with James Travis at the corner of Ottawa and Bridge streets, and he was taken there. Mr. Thompkins and his wife have lived at Eureka Springs, Kansas, for the past year, and his health has been in a precarious condition. A few days ago they returned to the city for Mr. Thompkins to take medical treatment. His mind has evidenced signs of weakening, and last evening he went out for a stroll down the street. It is thought he was suffering from an attack of insanity, and that if he had not been rescued he would have committed suicide.

## City News in Brief.

The Press club meeting held yesterday to consider the matter of sending representatives to the world's press congress in Chicago next week lacked one of a quorum. It was decided that no formal meeting need be held to discuss the invitation, and President Fletcher and J. J. Emery were directed to attend, and others, if they could find it convenient to do so.

The Rev. W. A. Hunsberger of Muskegon, made the principal address at a large gospel temperance meeting in Good Templar hall yesterday. The Rev. W. A. Frye of the Plainfield avenue M. E. church was present and made some remarks. There was good singing by a quartet and by the audience.

J. W. Pennell has sold to Flora J. Purnell a farm in the townships of Grand and Byron townships for \$7,000. Mrs. Purnell and Mrs. Pennell are daughters of the late Isaac Hazen. The farm in question is a portion of Mr. Hazen's estate.

June 23 will be the sixtieth anniversary of the first settlement on the site now occupied by Grand Rapids. A movement is on foot to have a celebration here in honor of the day.

The piano recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Starnes, at the residence of Mrs. William H. Van Leusen's Friday evening was a success in spite of the bad weather.

I. Stewart White presented two boxes of cigars yesterday to the boys at No. 1 engine house in recognition of their services at the fire in his residence last week.

The Retail Grocers' association will meet this evening in the Protective Brotherhood hall at Pearl street. C. G. A. Voigt will address the meeting.

The council committee on licenses made the rounds Saturday night to be come better posted on who are worthy and unworthy applicants for licenses.

The comedy "The Rivals" will be given in the central building by the high school pupils this evening.

The Rev. Davidson of the Joy Memorial church will speak at the Waterloo street mission tonight.

The Edison Electric Light company is excavating for the foundation of a large annex to its plant.

Division No. 1, Uniformed rank, K. O. T. M. will give a ball in the North park pavilion tonight.

## Personal Mention.

Forest Leomin, of the Agricultural college, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Leomin of Wealthy avenue.

L. D. Norris was in Chicago last week attending to his duties as one of the National World's Fair commissioners.

Mrs. Charles Richardson will go to Chicago today to be absent six weeks.

## Unlucky Thirteen Party.

The Grand Rapids Bicycle club held what it termed an unlucky thirteen birthday party at North park pavilion Saturday night. There were thirteen in the company and the date was May 13. It was held in honor of the birthdays of John H. Taylor and Miss Daisy Thompson, and the affair was made an enjoyable one. The party indulged in the evening walk and the geometrical quadrille until nearly midnight, when a banquet was served. The thirteen were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Finger, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stelton, Miss Daisy Thompson, Miss Cora Stubbins, Mrs. Frank M. Lee of Chicago, W. E. Dyer and T. N. Richmond.

## Criticism of Court Practice.

Judge W. N. Mitchell says a practice is in vogue in the probate court which may cause trouble some day. It is the practice of allowing private persons to serve citations from the court. He says the law provides that all persons from a court shall be served on the person to whom they are addressed by a member of the sheriff's force, or a constable or by a coroner. A citation served by a private person Mr. Mitchell considers invalid. He says the danger lies in the fact that a dishonest man may make a false return, and thereby the great injury to a person, or to an estate which is being considered by the court.

## Excursion Party Organized.

The party planning to charter the lake vessel, the "Kestrel" for a week-end excursion, held a meeting at the Kestrel yesterday afternoon and formed an association by the action of the following officers: President, F. P. Juley; secretary, P. J. Carver; treasurer, W. J. Williams. The date of the trip across the lake was changed from September to August 12. A certain amount will be paid into the

## EPWORTH LEAGUE BIRTHDAY

Was Celebrated in Joy Memorial Church Yesterday.

Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of the Epworth league. The young people of the Joy Memorial church celebrated it by a day given over entirely to the commemoration. It opened with a sunrise meeting at 5 a. m., which was quite well attended. At the regular morning service hour Presiding Elder Cogshall delivered a characteristic address on "The Organization and Development of the Epworth League." Last evening the church was filled at a general meeting, at which the official league anniversary program was carried out. There were songs and responsive readings, reports of the work and progress of the Joy Memorial league and greetings from representatives of the young people of the Second Baptist, Mission Wood Presbyterian and other neighboring churches. Reports of the spiritual, financial, literary, social and mercy work of the league were read. At the close of the latter everybody was invited to contribute towards a box of goods to be sent to the sufferers from the fire at Spring Lake. A consecration service closed the exercises. The Epworth league was begun in 1888 with four chapters and now has 10,000, with a membership of over 650,000. The junior league, an auxiliary, has 1,400 chapters and about 20,000 members.

## WHAT THEY ASK.

Toll Roads Set Prices at Which They Will Sell.

For several weeks the council committee on streets has attempted to have a meeting with the officers and directors of the various toll roads of the city, but have not been able to meet them. However, the committee have submitted figures for which they will sell to the city. Their price averages \$6,000 per mile for roads that did not cost \$2,000 per mile to build. They ask \$12,000 for the Reed's lake road, \$3,000 for the South Division road, \$5,000 for the Plainfield road, \$4,000 for the Walker road, and \$5,000 for Alpine road. Members of the committee do not consider these prices exorbitant, and will report to the council tonight. One year ago the Reed's lake company asked \$15,000 for its road, but the council considered it a large price and took no action.

## TOO MUCH INDEBTEDNESS.

Blake Bros. of Boston Object to Issuing New City Bonds.

Comptroller Caro has received a letter from Blake Bros. of Boston protesting against Grand Rapids issuing any more street improvement bonds. Blake Bros. hold one lot of bonds issued for street improvement purposes. They wish to bid on the next lot of bonds, but object to the issuing of \$400,000 of bonds. The letter calls attention to the indebtedness of the city, and states that the laws of Massachusetts forbid the bonding of any city for more than 5 per cent of its assessed valuation. Blake Bros. claim that they will have to give up what Grand Rapids bonds they hold if the whole \$400,000 is issued. The letter was turned over to the ways and means committee for investigation.

## Twins a Dismal Failure.

William H. Vanderheyden, whose property at Reed's lake the old Reed's Lake Electric railroad runs, has started to remove the old cars, wires and rails from his premises, but the Michigan Trust company, as receiver of the old company, has begun suit to restrain the removal of the property of the company. Mr. Vanderheyden, who holds the right of way on condition that cars be operated regularly, and on condition that a pavilion be erected at the lake. The company broke its contract and in a suit brought by Mr. Vanderheyden the deed for right of way was declared void. Mr. Vanderheyden wishes the property of the company removed, but the Michigan Trust company wishes to save as much of it for the creditors of the road as possible.

## After the Mashers.

The summer masher was out last night clad in his new suit and unprotected women on the streets were subjected to his undue familiarity and mashing tendencies. Officer Conlon arrested a well-dressed, one armed man near Sweet's hotel whom he saw lifting his hat very politely and smiling a sickly foolish smile at some young women who were passing. The girl said he was a stranger to them and he was taken to the police station for investigation where he gave the name of A. C. Vanderpeet. He said he was not bowing to the girls nor raising his hat, but was changing the position of it on his head when the officer saw him. He was released on bail.

## Nearly Drowned at the Lake.

Reed's lake came near witnessing a fatal Sunday boat ride yesterday when E. D. Kilmer, a boarder at the Ionia house, and employed at the School Furniture factory, was pitched into the lake by the capsizing of a row boat near the new pavilion. Kilmer is 65 years old, and with a young boy was taking a ride on the lake. They rowed up to the landing and the boy left the boat. The old gentleman shore out from shore and was standing up in the boat when he lost his balance and capsized it. He fell into the water where it was about ten feet deep and went down out of sight, but he was soon rescued by spectators on the shore.

## Cousins—Hiddele.

Miss Rosa Kahlle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hiddle of No. 94 Sherman street, was quietly married yesterday at 12 M at the residence of her parents to Fred Cosens, a promising young drugist was performed by the Rev. John I. Jackson of the Fountain Baptist church in the presence of a few friends of the bride and groom. The bride's maid was Miss Maud Howard and E. L. Lakson, clerk in the Kent, acted as best man. After the wedding dinner, had been served Mr. and Mrs. Cosens left on the 1:25 train for Detroit and will make Mr. Cosens their future home.

## Wanted to Shoot Her.

John Apple of No. 62 Jackson street, made such a disturbance last night about midnight, that the neighbors rushed over to the house to learn the cause of the trouble. He was threatening to shoot his wife and was armed with a Winchester rifle. Officer Sturge placed him under arrest, and when he was taken to the station he threatened had had not released. He had been drinking and insisted that his wife wanted another man. This was the cause of his trouble. He and his wife had been married three years ago.

## Must Wait Two Weeks.

The notice on the furniture exhibit at the world's fair returned from Chi-

cago Saturday night. Mr. Stigh said last evening that it would be fully two weeks before the decorations and fitting up of the space will be completed and that the show couldn't be ready much before June 1. The work of putting on the staff on the sidewalks is nearly finished and the committee let the contract for the decoration. Many other exhibitors are as much behind, but most of them have the goods in the buildings. The Grand Rapids show will not be shipped till the space is all ready.

## Plenty of Hotel Help.

Some time ago a large detachment of hotel and restaurant girls about the city left for Chicago to work during the world's fair, and the hotel keepers felt that there would be a dearth of their help. In the course of a couple of weeks all but three of the girls in Sweet's quit, and many other hotels suffered equally as much. But the girls are beginning to return. They found that it was much harder to obtain work in Chicago than they anticipated. There are already enough hotel girls in the city to supply the summer resort demand, and the hotels expect no further trouble.

## Took a Century Spin.

A. B. Richmond, John H. Taylor, Fred N. Hyman and M. J. Wyke, members of the Grand Rapids Bicycle club, took a century spin yesterday. The greatest time over all was 11 hours and 46 minutes, but the actual time of the run was 13 hours and 25 minutes. The course was to Plainfield and return on the east side of the river, to Hudsonville and return, seven miles out on the Cascade road, ten miles out on the South Division Street road and to Plainfield and return on the west side of the river.

## To Start a Coffee House.

Tomorrow evening there will be a meeting of the committee appointed from each W. C. T. U. of the city in the city mission, No. 19 Waterloo street, to arrange for the establishment of a coffee house in connection with the mission. The committee were appointed last week on suggestion of the Central W. C. T. U. A committee from the Prohibition club will also co-operate in the matter. It is expected that the first charity of this kind in this city will soon be established.

## PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Washington Will Lay Herself Out to Entertain the Delegates.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Presbyterian general assembly meets here next week with the Briggs case still not finally decided. The session will be an interesting one. The people of Washington are doing everything they can to make the reception of the delegates a great success. It is probable that the Washington meeting will rank next to the great gathering at Detroit in 1911. A program elaborate in detail and complete in every particular was devised weeks ago, various committees appointed and the plans carefully carried out. Everything is ready for the reception and entertainment of the delegates. The city commissioners provided with quarters, and, in fact, everything has been done that could be done. It is no slight task to develop plans of such magnitude and to care for 600 men, provide for their needs for food and shelter and at the same time enable them to experience some of the enjoyments of life in the capital city. The finance committee has done splendid work. Its ranking member is Henry H. Wells, ex-governor of Virginia. The committee voted that it would be necessary to raise \$10,000. The local committee is expected to entertain, free of cost, one-third of the delegates, or 200. The assembly contributes toward the expenses of the remaining two-thirds, \$150 per day. Governor Wells started the ball rolling by securing some eight or ten subscriptions of \$500 each. Then a number of smaller individual subscriptions were received and each of the Presbyterian churches in the city gave liberal subscriptions. The work of the finance committee was a great success. Senator McMillan was also a member of the finance committee and a handsome contributor to the fund.

## TO PROTECT SEALS.

Russia and England Have Just Issued Very Positive Orders.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 14.—Collector of Customs Milne received the following telegram from the deputy minister of marine at Ottawa: "I have not yet received your telegram of the 12th inst. advising you that the Russian and English governments have agreed to prohibit sealing vessels from fishing within ten miles of the Russian coast and within thirty miles of Roblin and Commander islands during the present year. We are endeavoring to observe this prohibition, communicating with those who have already sailed whenever possible. Give a copy of this to the officers commanding the ships at Esquimaut." Collector Milne once advised Captain Huchard Hallet, senior naval officer at Esquimaut, of the telegram, and by Monday's mail will communicate with her majesty's consuls at Yokohama and Hakodate. This is the most important news sealers have for a long time, indicating, as it does,

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the commission desires on the part of the British and Russian governments to prevent the destruction of seals except at sea in the open water. Special attention is also drawn to the fact that, by convention, Russian as well as Canadian sealers are prohibited, and the two governments will doubtless join in prohibiting Americans.

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Mrs. Frank A. Rodgers' Ten of the Fountain Street Baptist Church will give a Columbia concert and entertainment in the church parlors Tuesday evening, May 16. Admission 25 cents, children 10 cents.

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"I then lived in Jericho, Vt. In the early days of June I went with her to the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, and there she was treated four different times—a surgical operation each time, one of which left the scars now visible on the eye lids. She recovered from this treatment each time, a slight improvement for a few days, was soon worse than ever, but could not see to walk across the room."

"I next went to a large hospital in Hartford, Conn. At this hospital no surgical operations were performed, but medicine was dropped into her eyes and given her to take. She was in this hospital about ten weeks, continuously growing worse, and when I took her in November '21, I was totally blind."

"I arrived at my station in Jericho with the child, and in spirit and impoverishment in pocket completely discouraged. On our way to the house from the station, we stopped at the store of Capt. McKinnon, who was an old sea captain, to warm ourselves. The captain had known the child before we went away. While we were warming ourselves Mamie said: 'Pa, it's dark, where are you? I can't see you, come to me.' The captain's heart was touched, and with tears in his eyes he said: 'Don't worry, I'll help you. I'll pay for it.'"

"That very afternoon I got Hood's Sarsaparilla, commenced giving it to her according to directions. The first beneficial result was a brightening of the eyes, which continued during the treatment. On the fifth day she could see to pick up a pin on the floor without it being pointed out to her, and before the first bottle was all used."

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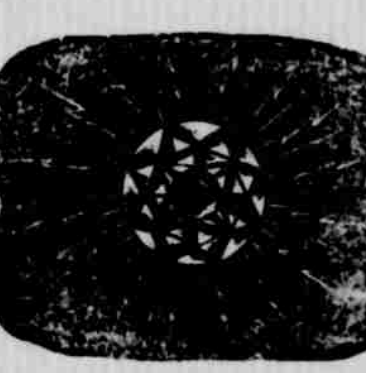
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